

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 14th, 2019 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

Councilmember Judy Taylor Foster

Councilmember Bruce Burt

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

City Attorney Nathan Lee

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Councilmember Solomon Ferguson gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Judy Foster to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Solomon Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the September 9th, 2019 regular council meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Judy Foster to approve the September 2019 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Nneka Carter with the Manchester Development Authority was not in attendance to provide a report for the Manchester Development Authority.

Mayor Brening read and presented to the Manchester Women's Club a 100th Anniversary Proclamation. He expressed to the group the City's appreciation for the group and thanked them for their hard work on many projects throughout the city.

Veronica Dowell came before the Mayor and Council with members of the Meriwether County Youth Advisory group. She explained some of the recent activities of the group. Mayor Brening commended Ms. Dowell for her success with the program and congratulated the young ladies in attendance for their accomplishments. A Red Ribbon Week Proclamation was also read and presented to the group at this time.

Motion made by Bruce Burt and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the Resolution Establishing a Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes. This resolution sets the 2019-2020 millage rate at 17.858 with no change from the previous year.

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Motion made by Solomon Ferguson to approve the Resolution Declaring Surplus Property and Sale of Surplus for six vehicles. Motion was seconded by Judy Foster. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to accept the bid in the amount of \$75,557.50 from Flint Facilities Maintenance for the repaving of E. Perry Street. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Judy Foster and seconded by Bruce Burt to approve the request for a variance at 1584 Gilbert Road as requested by the property owner, Gary McDowell. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Mayor Brening asked citizens to please be aware of where yard debris is placed for removal. Specifically that it not be placed directly on the sidewalks but rather on the street. He noted that there had been complaints by handicapped citizens regarding this issue and wanted to insure that there were no impediments to travel on sidewalks.

He also mentioned that the bi-annual Keep Meriwether Beautiful Clean Up Day was again a success. He stated that 116 trailed loads of debris was collected and removed along with 306 used tires.

The Mayor reminded everyone of the 10th annual Breast Cancer Walk and the Railroad Days events to be held the upcoming Saturday, October 19th.

Congratulations were sent out to the Manchester Middle School for their 2nd place standing at the regional football championship. Also recognized and commended was Fire Chief Jolivette on his recent open house, noting that it was a success with several children in attendance to learn about fire safety. Mayor Brening stated that the Downtown Development Authority's project of pressure washing sidewalks and repairing handrails was near completion.

In his closing remarks, the Mayor said that repairs on the city pond would be made soon and reminded everyone of the T-SPLOST vote at the November 5th election.

City Manager Doug Westberry stated that the city would be observing Halloween on October 31st with trick or treating hours from 6 PM until 8:30 PM.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Bruce Burt to adjourn at 5:47 PM. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening